

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following comments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 10 are amended, and support for the amendment is found in the Applicants' specification at page 3, lines 15-18. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

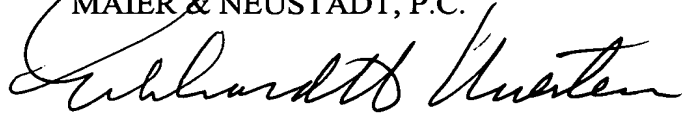
A Notice of Allowance was issued for this application on February 4, 2005, and the Issue Fee was paid in this application on April 11, 2005. However, after further review of the application, Applicants have decided to amend the preamble of Claim 1 and Claim 10 to clarify the claimed invention and correct a minor typographical error, respectively.

More specifically, the preamble of Claim 1 is amended to recite "certain time ranges of non-access to the shared resource" instead of "certain time ranges of access to the shared resource," and Claim 10 is amended to delete an extra comma. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments simply clarify the claimed invention and do not affect the patentability of the claims at least because the reasons for allowance expressed in the Notice of Allowance on page 3, lines 1-10, are still applicable.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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